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Alabama Traffic Accident Facts



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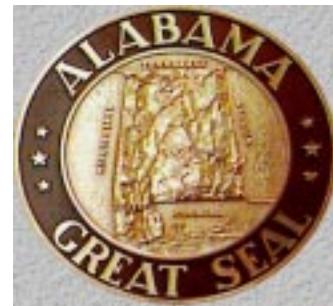
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Dedicated to those people in Alabama
working in traffic safety activities.

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Governor

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December 11, 1998

To All Alabamians:

It is my pleasure, as the Governor of the State of Alabama, to distribute the 1997 edition of the *Alabama Traffic Accident Facts Book*. Traffic safety is a comprehensive effort within our state that involves most of the departments of state government. From the police officers on patrol to the design engineers to those who are promoting restraint use to providers of emergency medical services and everyone in between, all are contributing toward making our roadways safer.

We hope that this summary of statistics will enable them to do their jobs better while giving everyone else an appreciation for the immense job that it is to reduce the frequency and severity of traffic crashes. It is a collective effort that requires dedication and focus on the goal of first eliminating fatal crashes from our roadways and then reducing the injury crashes to the greatest extent possible. I can assure you that we have some of the finest safety professionals in the country working on these problems, and we will continue to move forward to reduce our accident and fatality rates to the greatest extent possible.

As we read the summary statistics of this book, let each of us recognize that all of these collisions resulted in financial loss, and many resulted in injury and loss of life. It is my hope that this information will help us all to rededicate ourselves to doing our part to make Alabama's roadways some of the safest in the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fob James, Jr." followed by a stylized surname.

Fob James, Jr.
Governor

1997 QUICK FACTS

	The 1997 Toll	1997	vs	1996
Persons Killed	1,190	up		4%
Persons Injured	49,271	up		2%
Reported Accidents	139,345	up		2%
Miles Travelled	53,400,000,000	up		4%

There were 1,190 people killed in 1,047 fatal accidents.

One traffic accident was reported every 226 seconds.

One person was injured in a traffic accident each 10 minutes and 40 seconds.

One person was killed every 7 hours and 22 minutes in a traffic accident.

Most Alabama accidents (71.4%) occurred in urban areas, but most fatalities (64.9%) occurred in rural areas.

For each person killed, there were 41.4 injured.

Of all drivers involved in fatal accidents, 12.6% were age 19 or under, and 27.4% were under 25 years of age.

Of all fatal accidents, 46.7% occurred at night.

The 1997 pedestrian death toll was 86.

There were 29 fatalities among motorcycle or moped riders.

Bicyclists accounted for 10 fatalities.

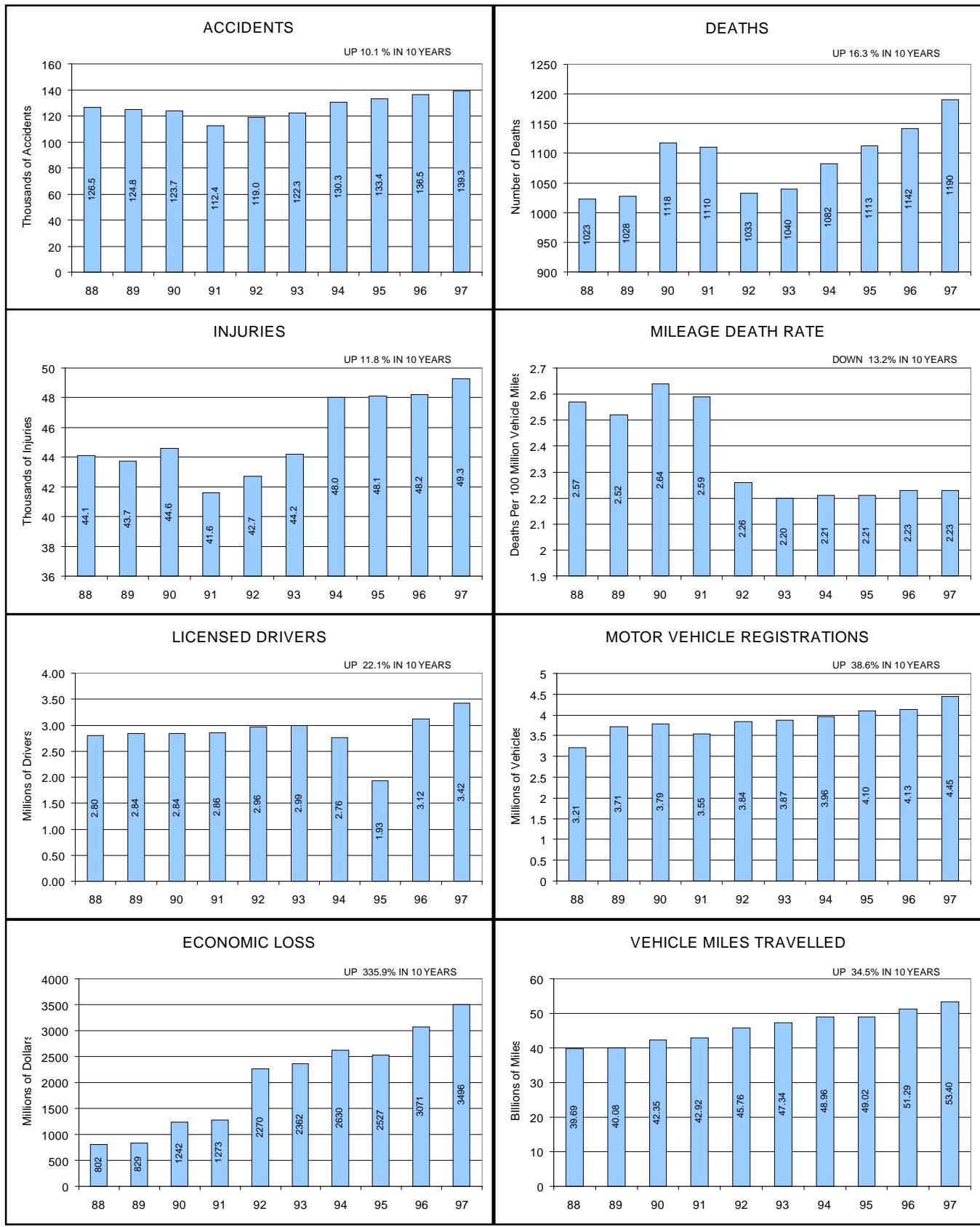
Only 197 automobile fatalities (18.5%) were wearing seat belts, while the remaining 81.4% were not using seat belts.

If You Are A Typical Driver In Alabama, There Is A 37.8%

Probability That You Will Be Injured Or Killed

Driving An Automobile During Your Lifetime!

TEN YEAR TRAFFIC TRENDS 1988-1997



TIME TRENDS

DAY OF WEEK

	Accidents	%	Deaths	%
Sunday	13,047	9.4	202	17.0
Monday	20,219	14.5	138	11.6
Tuesday	19,800	14.2	125	10.5
Wednesday	20,509	14.7	128	10.7
Thursday	20,534	14.7	166	14.0
Friday	26,304	18.9	207	17.4
Saturday	18,932	13.6	224	18.8
Total	139,345	100.0	1190	100.0



MONTH OF YEAR

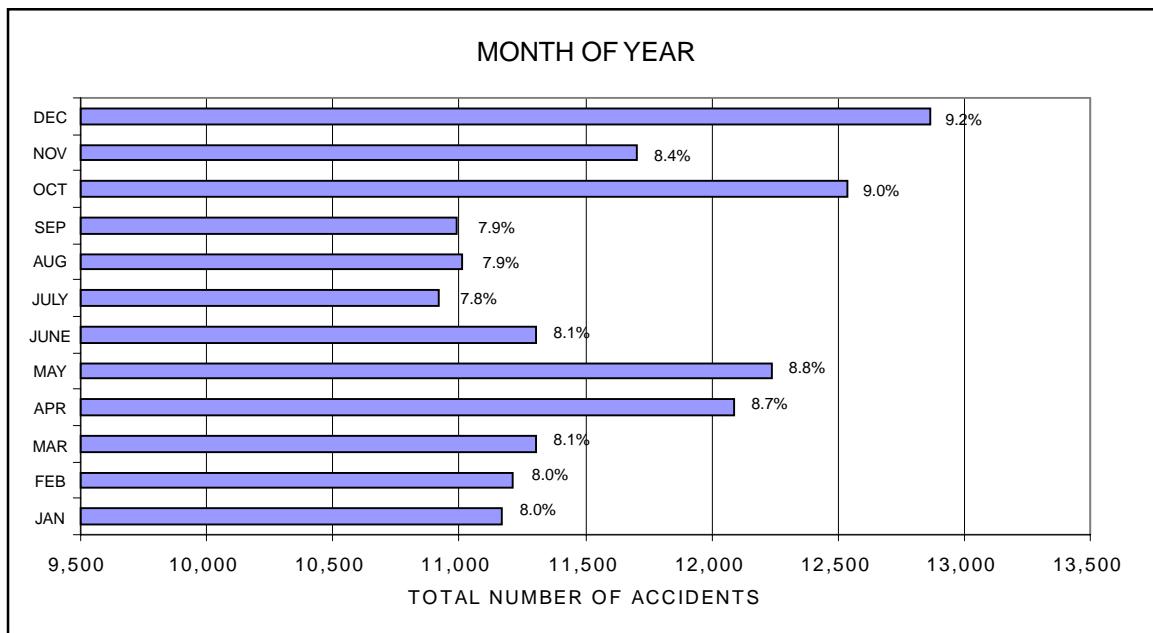
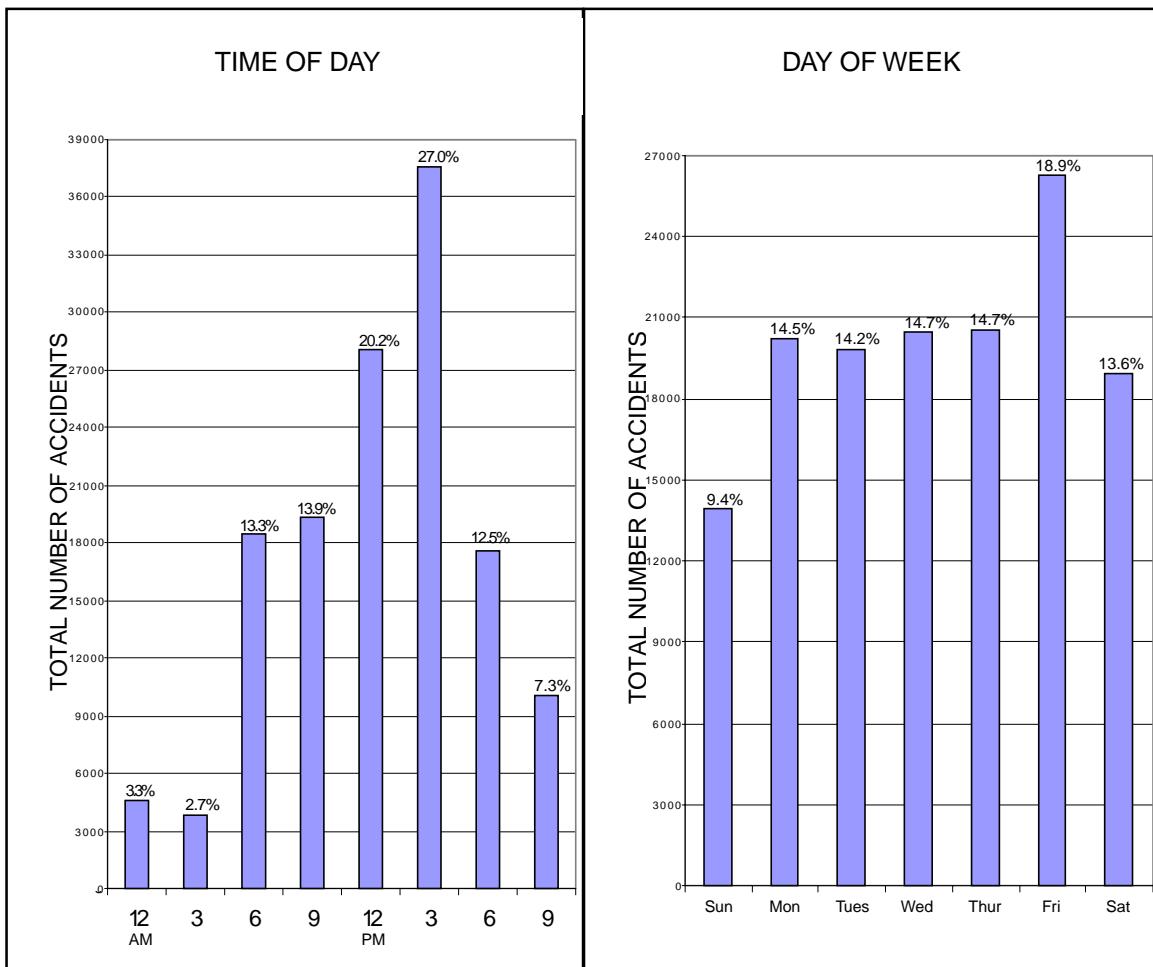
	Accidents	%	Deaths	%
January	11,168	8.0	72	6.0
February	11,211	8.0	101	8.5
March	11,303	8.1	97	8.2
April	12,089	8.7	94	7.9
May	12,241	8.8	126	10.6
June	11,302	8.1	99	8.3
July	10,917	7.8	103	8.6
August	11,014	7.9	105	8.8
September	10,993	7.9	90	7.6
October	12,536	9.0	96	8.1
November	11,706	8.4	98	8.2
December	12,865	9.2	107	9.2
Total	139,345	100.0	1190	100.0

**Anytime Is
Time to Buckle Up!**

Be careful not to start your weekend with an accident. The most accident-prone period is Friday afternoon.

	Accidents	%	Deaths	%
Midnight	1,735	1.2	36	3.0
1:00am	1,500	1.1	44	3.7
2:00am	1,339	1.0	33	2.8
3:00am	1,113	0.8	32	2.7
4:00am	1,094	0.8	34	2.9
5:00am	1,594	1.1	32	2.7
6:00am	3,311	2.4	40	3.4
7:00am	9,189	6.6	46	3.9
8:00am	5,934	4.3	38	3.2
9:00am	5,388	3.9	52	4.4
10:00am	6,244	4.5	35	2.9
11:00am	7,682	5.5	41	3.4
Noon	9,424	6.8	43	3.6
1:00pm	8,863	6.4	75	6.3
2:00pm	9,763	7.0	58	4.9
3:00pm	13,224	9.5	75	6.3
4:00pm	11,971	8.6	51	4.3
5:00pm	12,385	8.9	46	3.9
6:00pm	7,845	5.6	75	6.3
7:00pm	5,360	3.8	55	4.6
8:00pm	4,384	3.1	82	6.9
9:00pm	3,979	2.9	64	5.4
10:00pm	3,293	2.4	52	4.4
11:00pm	2,731	2.0	51	4.3
Total	139,345	100.0	1190	100.0

TIME TRENDS



TYPES OF CRASHES

FIRST HARMFUL EVENT

	FATALITIES	INJURIES	ACCIDENTS	% OF ACCIDENTS
HIT OTHER VEHICLE	544	34,488	102,466	73.5
HIT FIXED OR OTHER OBJECT	325	6,973	15,706	11.3
OVERTURNING	76	1,619	2,227	1.6
OTHER NON-COLLISION	11	247	1,571	1.1
HIT ANIMAL	0	288	2,791	2.0
HIT PEDESTRIAN	72	606	666	0.5
HIT PEDALCYCLIST	8	192	237	0.2
HIT RAILWAY TRAIN	19	63	110	0.1
HIT PARKED VEHICLE	12	514	4,417	3.2
ALL OTHER	123	4,281	9,154	6.6
TOTAL	1,190	49,271	139,345	100.0

VEHICLE TYPE

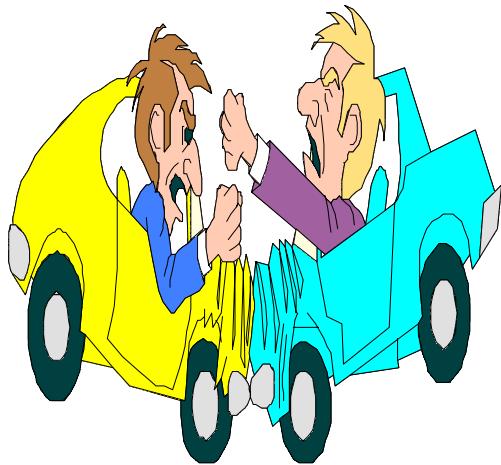
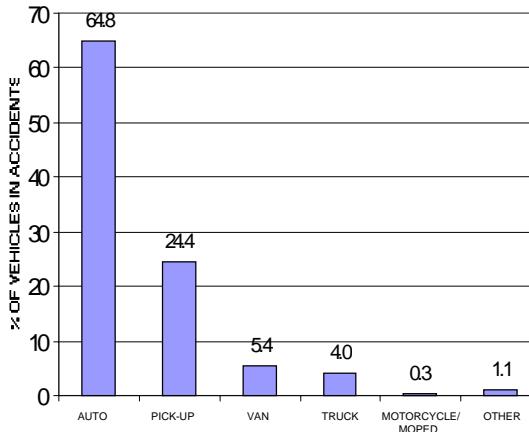
	VEHICLES INVOLVED IN ACCIDENTS	% OF VEHICLES
AUTO	166,355	64.8
PICK-UP	62,514	24.4
VAN	13,873	5.4
TRUCK	10,268	4.0
MOTORCYCLE/MOPED	762	0.3
OTHER	2,863	1.1
TOTAL	256,635	100.0

The typical Alabama traffic accident occurs between two autos when one of the drivers fails to yield the right of way.

HAZARDOUS CARGO

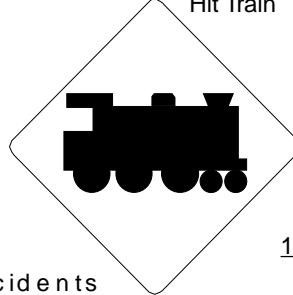
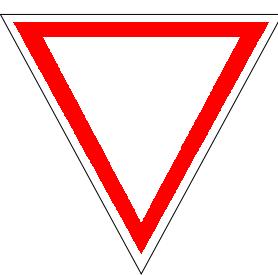
	ACCIDENTS	%
EXPLOSIVE	9	3.0
GAS/FLAMMABLE	248	81.6
POISON	43	14.1
RADIOACTIVE	4	1.3
TOTAL	304	100.0

% OF CRASHES BY VEHICLE TYPE

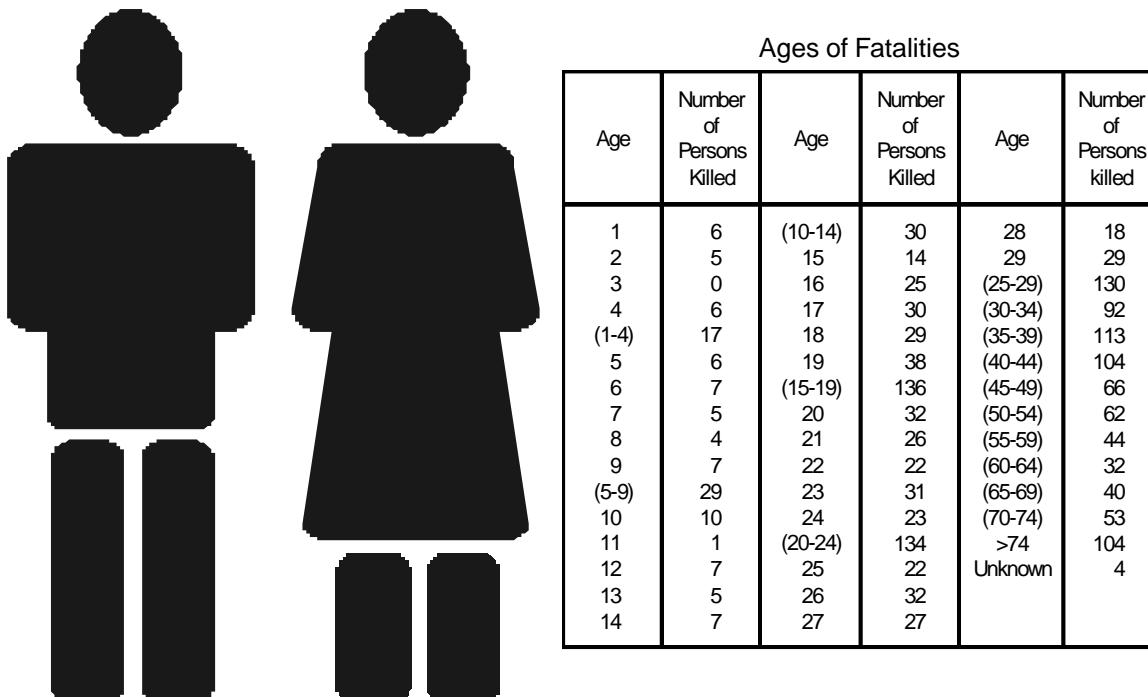
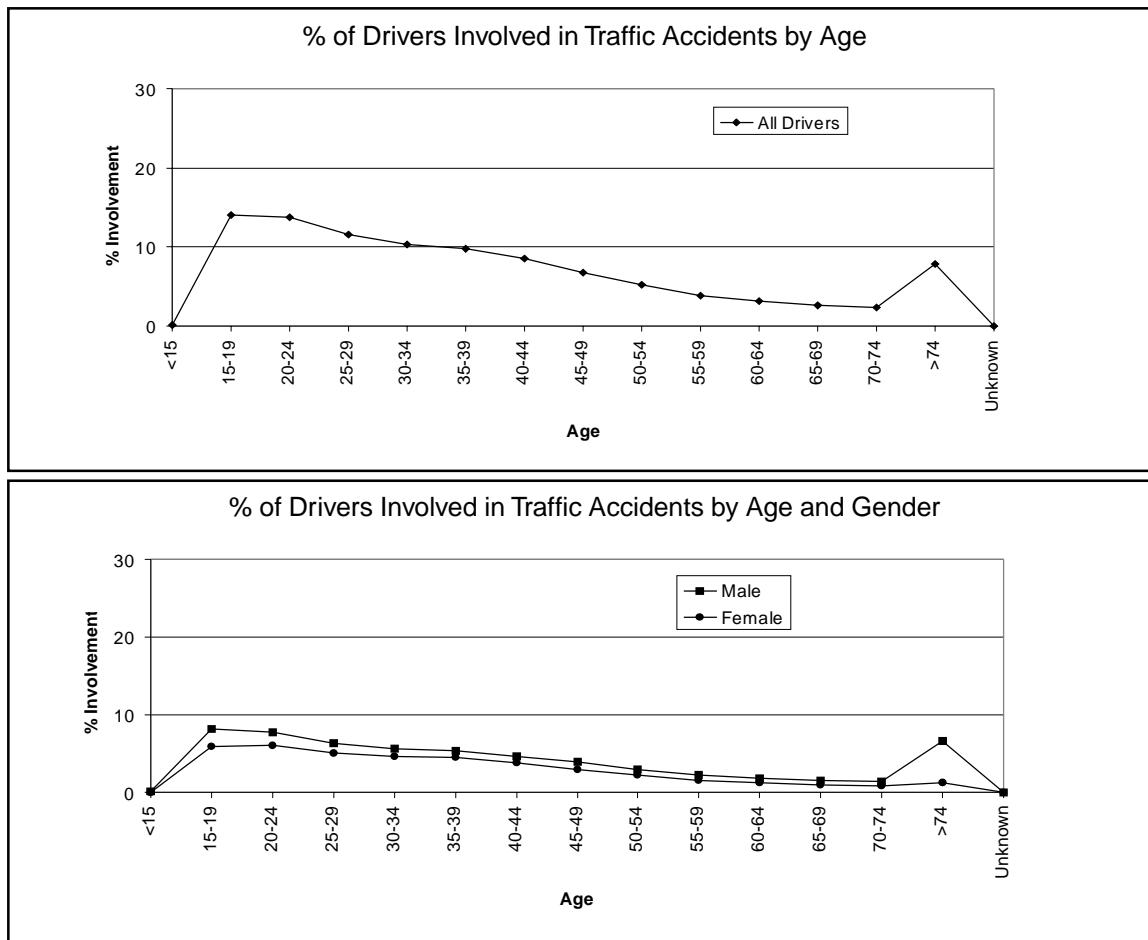


TYPES OF CRASHES

BY FIRST HARMFUL EVENT

Hit Other Vehicle  <u>1996</u> <u>1997</u> Accidents 100,866 102,466	Hit Bicycle  <u>1996</u> <u>1997</u> Accidents 266 237
Hit Pedestrian  <u>1996</u> <u>1997</u> Accidents 715 666	Hit Train  <u>1996</u> <u>1997</u> Accidents 123 110
Hit Fixed Object  <u>1996</u> <u>1997</u> Accidents 15,038 15,706	All Others  <u>1996</u> <u>1997</u> Accidents 19,458 20,160
Totals  <u>1996</u> <u>1997</u> Accidents 136,466 139,345	<u>1996</u> <u>1997</u> Injuries 48,161 49,271
	<u>1996</u> <u>1997</u> Fatalities 1,142 1,190

INVOLVEMENT BY AGE AND GENDER



INVOLVEMENT BY AGE AND GENDER

Number of Drivers Involved in Accidents and Fatalities by Age

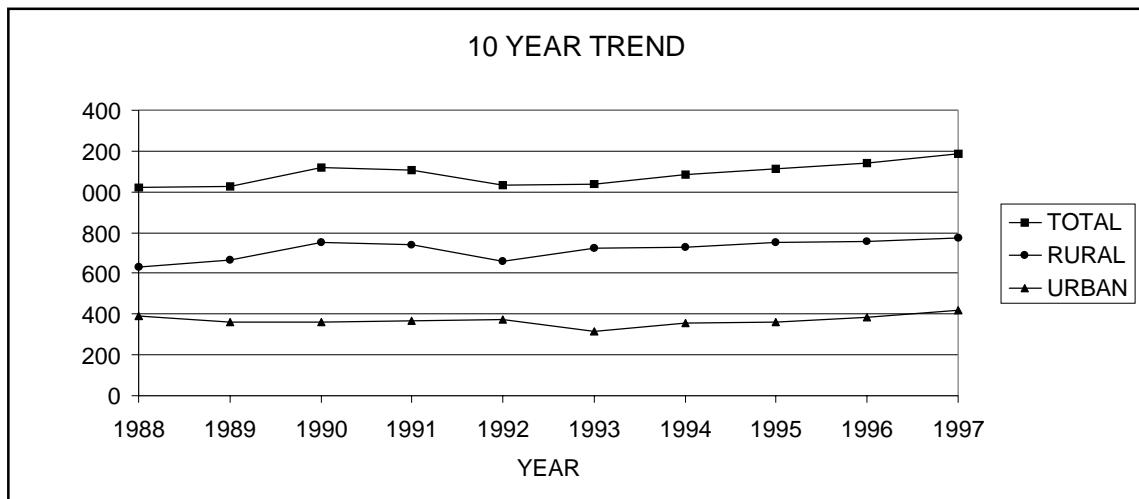
Age	Licensed Drivers	Number of Drivers Involved in Accidents	Number of Drivers Involved in Fatal Accidents
<14	0	345	7
14	344	163	5
15	28,377	660	5
16	44,191	8,451	38
17	52,258	9,314	47
18	55,053	8,984	48
19	56,492	8,776	61
(15-19)	236,715	36,185	199
20	61,481	8,278	43
21	61,250	7,289	45
22	62,327	6,886	41
23	64,722	6,633	42
24	65,447	6,356	43
(20-24)	315,227	35,442	214
25	68,264	6,314	34
26	74,119	6,445	47
27	73,192	6,068	35
28	69,313	5,544	40
29	66,800	5,187	42
(25-29)	351,688	29,558	197
(30-34)	341,629	26,325	174
(35-39)	359,435	25,095	158
(40-44)	345,471	21,773	173
(45-49)	305,704	17,384	122
(50-54)	259,355	13,429	98
(55-59)	206,113	9,761	74
(60-64)	175,613	8,145	39
(65-69)	159,760	6,786	50
(70-74)	140,128	5,852	45
>74	195,909	20,351	119
Unknown		41	0
Total	3,415,844	256,635	1,675

Number of Drivers Involved in Accidents and Fatalities by Gender

Gender	Licensed Drivers	Number of Drivers Involved in Accidents	Number of Drivers Involved in Fatal Accidents
Male	1,709,310	139,397	1,205
Female	1,706,534	106,113	442
Unknown		11,125	28
Total	3,415,844	256,635	1,675

ACCIDENT LOCATION

RURAL VS.URBAN TRAFFIC FATALITIES

**10 Year Experience**

The number of RURAL fatalities increased 2% in 1997.

Year	State Total	Rural	Urban
1988	1,023	634	389
1989	1,028	665	363
1990	1,118	754	364
1991	1,110	742	368
1992	1,033	661	372
1993	1,040	722	318
1994	1,082	727	355
1995	1,113	749	364
1996	1,142	757	385
1997	1,190	772	418

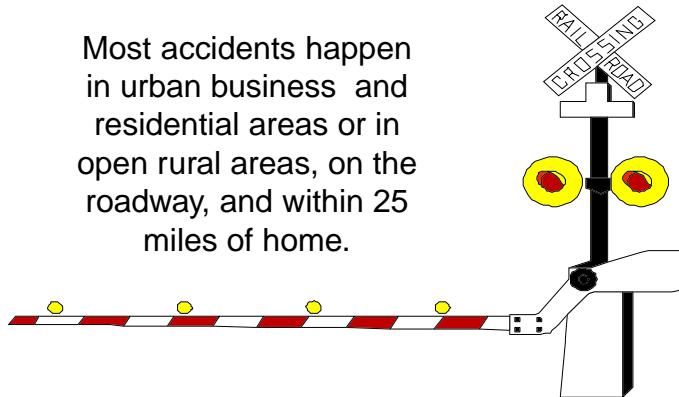
The number of URBAN fatalities increased 8.6% in 1997.

ACCIDENT LOCATION

Rural Locale			Urban Locale		
	Accidents	%		Accidents	%
Open Country	31,452	78.9	Open Country	8,722	8.8
Residential	4,484	11.3	Residential	27,397	27.5
Business	3,243	8.1	Business	56,368	56.7
Industrial	236	0.6	Industrial	2,065	2.1
School/Playground	257	0.6	School/Playground	2,340	2.4
Other	177	0.4	Other	2,604	2.6

Driver's Residence	
Residence Within 25 Miles	
Yes	79.0%
No	21.0%

Most accidents happen in urban business and residential areas or in open rural areas, on the roadway, and within 25 miles of home.



	Accidents	%
On Roadway	81,893	58.8
Intersection	32,898	23.6
Off Roadway	23,089	16.5
Median	879	0.6
Private Road	391	0.3
Railroad Tracks	110	0.1
Driveway	85	0.1
Other	0	0.0



ACCIDENT ENVIRONMENT

Traffic Control

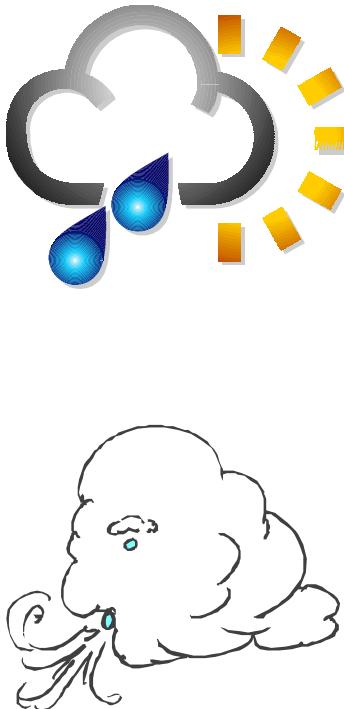
	Accidents	%
Railroad Device	225	0.2
Yield Sign	3,297	2.4
Stop Sign	13,064	9.4
Traffic Signal	25,998	18.7
Other	77,096	55.3
None	19,665	14.1

Light Condition

	Accidents	%
Day	100,800	72.3
Dawn	1,406	1.0
Dusk	3,450	2.5
Dark	17,312	12.4
Streetlights	16,142	11.6
Not Stated	235	0.2

Road Character

	Accidents	%
Level	90,279	64.8
Downgrade	16,297	11.7
Upgrade	11,640	8.4
Hillcrest	1,599	1.1
Level Curve	8,557	6.1
Curve on Hill	9,386	6.7
Not Stated	1,587	1.1



Number of Lanes

	Accidents	%
One	3,686	2.6
Two	73,049	52.4
Three	6,367	4.6
Four	38,968	28.0
Five	5,495	3.9
Six or More	10,037	7.2
Not Stated	1,743	1.3

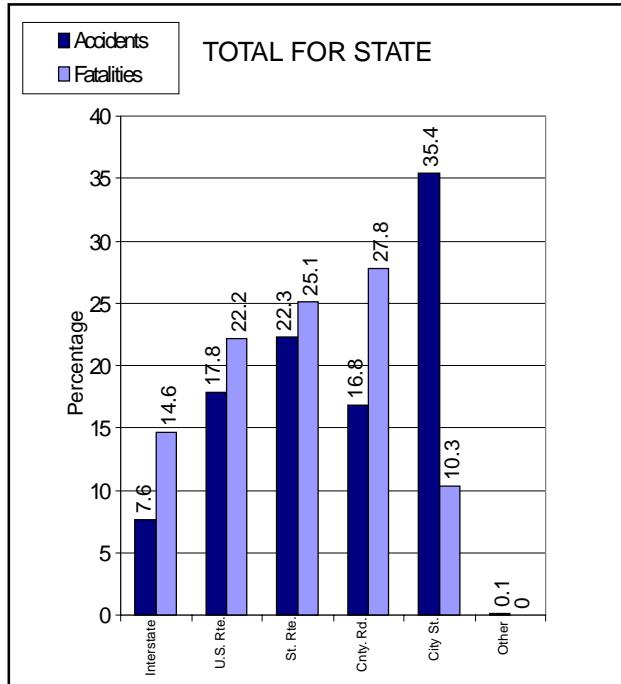
Weather

	Accidents	%
Clear	77,190	55.4
Cloudy	35,499	25.5
Rain	24,521	17.6
Snow/Sleet	500	0.4
Fog	1,016	0.7
Other	619	0.4

Road Condition

	Accidents	%
Dry	103,536	74.3
Wet	33,367	23.9
Icy/Slushy	847	0.6
Muddy	85	0.1
Other	1,510	1.1

TYPE OF ROADWAY



TOTAL FOR STATE

Road Type	Accidents		Fatalities	
	Number	%	Number	%
Interstate	10,577	7.6	174	14.6
U.S. Route	24,766	17.8	264	22.2
State Route	31,125	22.3	298	25.1
County	23,452	16.8	332	27.9
City	49,351	35.4	122	10.2
Other	74	0.1	0	0.0
Total	139,345	100.0	1,190	100.0

Most accidents
occur on urban city
streets while most
fatalities happen on
rural county roads.

RURAL AREAS

Road Type	Accidents		Fatalities	
	Number	%	Number	%
Interstate	4,821	12.1	99	12.8
U.S. Route	7,206	18.1	170	22.0
State Route	8,401	21.1	199	25.8
County	19,365	48.6	304	39.4
City	54	0.1	0	0.0
Other	2	0.0	0	0.0
Total	39,849	100.0	772	100.0

URBAN AREAS

Road Type	Accidents		Fatalities	
	Number	%	Number	%
Interstate	5,756	5.8	75	17.9
U.S. Route	17,560	17.6	94	22.5
State Route	22,724	22.8	99	23.7
County	4,087	4.1	28	6.7
City	49,297	49.5	122	29.2
Other	72	0.1	0	0.0
Total	99,496	100.0	418	100.0

THE DRIVER

PRIMARY CAUSE OF ACCIDENTS

	Accidents	%
Failed to Yield Right of Way	23,515	16.9
Driver Not in Control	17,310	12.4
Misjudged Stopping Distance	15,999	11.5
Driving Under the Influence	5,002	3.6
Improper Backing	2,741	2.0
Failure to Heed Sign	7,243	5.2
Tailgating	11,727	8.4
Over the Speed Limit	3,105	2.2
Avoiding Object or Person	5,974	4.3
All Other	46,729	33.5

DRIVER CONDITION

	Drivers	%
No Defect	230,367	89.8
Asleep	1,749	0.7
Fatigued	372	0.1
III	434	0.2
Other	0	0.0
Unknown	23,713	9.2

(Alcohol related accidents are found in a separate table.)



MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT STATISTICS

Number of Motorcyclists Involved in Accidents by Age
(includes motor scooters and mopeds)

Age	Fatalities	Injuries	Number of Motorcycles Involved in Accidents
<14	0	21	10
14	0	20	15
15	0	22	22
16	0	10	8
17	1	16	15
18	0	23	18
19	3	33	33
(15-19)	4	104	96
20	0	23	22
21	0	18	15
22	0	19	19
23	1	17	16
24	2	25	24
(20-24)	3	102	96
25	0	19	17
26	2	24	25
27	2	17	19
28	0	11	10
29	3	18	20
(25-29)	7	89	91
(30-34)	3	64	65
(35-39)	2	51	46
(40-44)	2	51	48
(45-49)	4	44	44
(50-54)	2	27	27
(55-59)	1	7	5
(60-64)	0	8	7
(65-69)	0	1	1
(70-74)	0	0	0
>74	1	1	1
Unknown	0	0	212
Total	29	590	764

TEN YEAR TREND

Year	Fatalities	Injuries	Number of Motorcycles Involved in Accidents
1988	39	1,319	1,653
1989	34	1,002	1,262
1990	30	1,040	1,355
1991	37	844	1,066
1992	34	898	1,132
1993	32	814	1,040
1994	31	769	953
1995	33	738	960
1996	32	651	862
1997	29	590	764

The number of motorcycle accidents is on the decline. In 1997, however, 81% of these collisions resulted in injury or death.

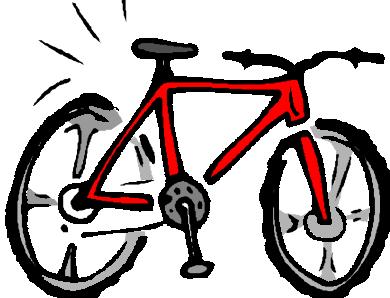


BICYCLE ACCIDENT STATISTICS

Number of Bicyclists Involved in Accidents by Age

Age	Fatalities	Injuries
(1-4)	0	2
(5-9)	3	77
(10-14)	5	86
(15-19)	2	29
(20-24)	0	21
(25-29)	0	7
(30-34)	0	11
(35-39)	0	6
(40-44)	0	7
(45-49)	0	6
(50-54)	0	6
(55-59)	0	2
(60-64)	0	2
(65-69)	0	3
(70-74)	0	2
>74	0	0
Unknown	0	0
Total	10	267

Children aged 14 and under account for 61.8% of the bicycle accident injuries and 80% of the fatalities.



TEN YEAR TREND

Year	Fatalities	Injuries
1988	8	425
1989	17	356
1990	14	346
1991	13	327
1992	8	332
1993	7	355
1994	8	363
1995	6	309
1996	6	328
1997	10	267

PEDESTRIAN ACCIDENT STATISTICS

Number of Pedestrians Involved in Accidents by Age

Age	Fatalities	Injuries
(1-4)	3	39
(5-9)	4	117
(10-14)	4	85
(15-19)	2	81
(20-24)	3	56
(25-29)	1	48
(30-34)	4	52
(35-39)	12	46
(40-44)	11	47
(45-49)	9	37
(50-54)	1	30
(55-59)	11	23
(60-64)	2	10
(65-69)	5	14
(70-74)	5	12
>74	9	27
Unknown	0	1
Total	86	725

TEN YEAR TREND

Year	Fatalities	Injuries
1988	119	980
1989	81	773
1990	95	936
1991	101	739
1992	90	823
1993	81	854
1994	81	880
1995	75	853
1996	86	782
1997	86	725



The number of pedestrian fatalities remained constant from 1996 to 1997 while the number of pedestrians injured fell 7.9%.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG INVOLVEMENT

Number of Accidents Involving Drivers
Influenced by Alcohol or Drugs

Age	All Drivers	Male	Female
<14	4	2	2
14	4	3	1
15	11	8	3
16	73	53	20
17	143	122	21
18	229	197	32
19	248	226	22
(15-19)	704	606	98
20	248	220	28
21	303	269	34
22	278	232	46
23	285	245	40
24	280	240	40
(20-24)	1,394	1,206	188
25	277	236	41
26	258	217	41
27	262	232	30
28	234	200	34
29	236	194	42
(25-29)	1,267	1,079	188
(30-34)	1,299	1,026	273
(35-39)	1,281	986	295
(40-44)	1,049	824	225
(45-49)	686	559	127
(50-54)	423	372	51
(55-9)	264	236	28
(60-64)	190	166	24
(65-69)	114	102	12
(70-74)	69	64	5
>74	237	230	7
Unknown	5	4	1
Total	8,990	7,465	1,525



TIME TRENDS FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG RELATED ACCIDENTS

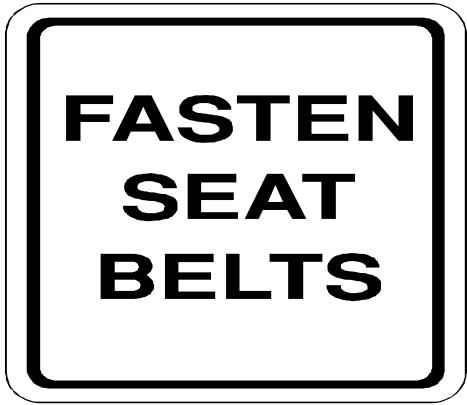
	Total		Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
	Acc.	Fatal.	Acc.	Fatal.	Acc.	Fatal.	Acc.	Fatal.	Acc.	Fatal.	Acc.	Fatal.	Acc.	Fatal.	Acc.	Fatal.
Midnight	488	18	126	5	28	1	30	2	47	1	47	1	59	3	151	5
1:00am	507	23	157	8	22	0	17	1	39	1	43	0	57	2	172	11
2:00am	444	23	144	8	24	0	10	1	20	2	41	2	53	3	152	7
3:00am	346	10	96	2	17	0	12	0	28	1	22	2	37	2	134	3
4:00am	236	13	67	2	8	2	11	0	11	2	11	0	28	2	100	5
5:00am	147	2	42	0	9	0	16	0	11	0	13	0	9	0	47	2
6:00am	115	3	39	1	6	1	10	0	7	0	10	0	8	0	35	1
7:00am	104	6	19	1	6	0	11	1	10	0	19	1	11	2	28	1
8:00am	88	5	17	0	9	1	12	0	12	0	10	0	6	1	22	3
9:00am	106	6	20	2	8	2	4	0	12	0	10	1	15	0	37	1
10:00am	119	2	15	0	6	0	13	0	15	0	17	0	16	2	37	0
11:00am	125	4	13	2	16	1	13	0	18	1	15	0	23	0	27	0
Noon	194	2	35	0	19	0	18	0	19	0	28	2	25	0	50	0
1:00pm	213	9	41	3	16	2	23	2	21	1	22	1	32	0	58	0
2:00pm	277	8	44	4	21	0	42	0	30	0	32	0	40	1	68	3
3:00pm	391	15	49	1	42	2	43	1	50	1	48	5	89	1	70	4
4:00pm	462	13	67	2	42	0	50	0	67	1	57	3	61	1	118	6
5:00pm	631	11	97	2	60	3	57	1	72	0	90	2	115	1	140	2
6:00pm	637	20	107	3	62	3	73	1	70	3	72	1	104	2	149	7
7:00pm	623	17	85	1	65	3	68	2	62	3	73	2	111	2	159	4
8:00pm	649	33	79	6	71	3	66	3	93	3	72	3	113	6	155	9
9:00pm	654	26	69	3	60	1	76	4	79	4	78	2	160	7	132	5
10:00pm	666	23	64	3	54	2	59	1	70	2	83	5	187	5	149	5
11:00pm	651	22	68	2	44	1	49	0	72	2	90	5	160	7	168	5
Total	8,873	314	1,560	61	715	28	783	20	935	28	1,003	38	1,519	50	2,358	87

Saturday has the most alcohol related accidents and fatalities, followed closely by Sunday and Friday. The most likely hours for an alcohol related collision are between 4PM and 4AM.



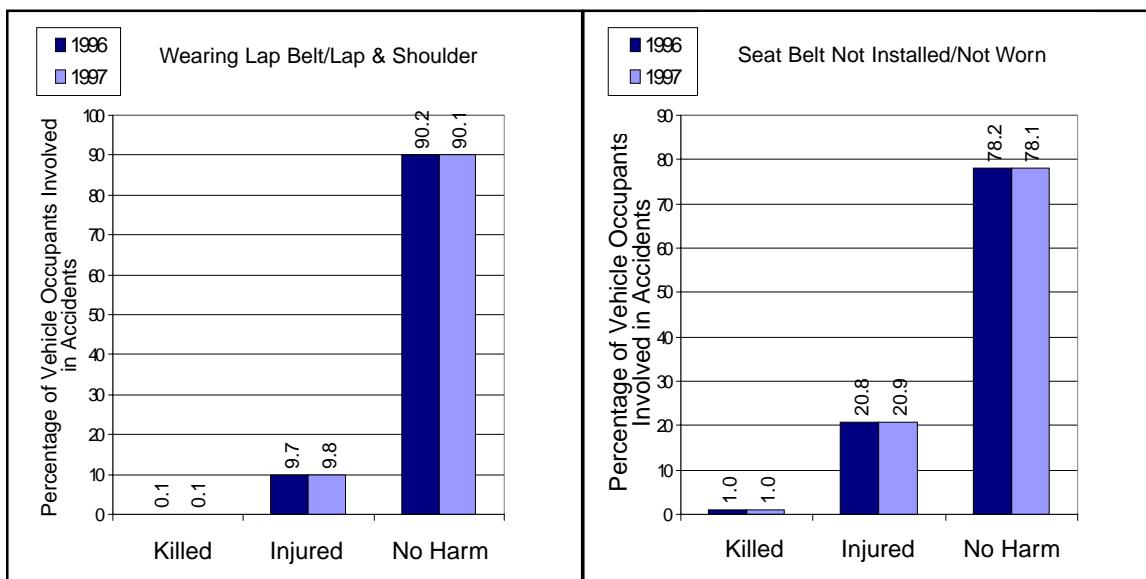
SEAT BELT USAGE

Belt Usage	Severity	Driver		Front Seat Passenger		Back Seat Passenger		Totals	
		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
NOT INSTALLED	Killed	47	0.7	18	0.8	36	0.3	101	0.4
	Injured	996	14.3	348	15.5	764	5.7	2,108	9.3
	No Harm	5,918	85.0	1,879	83.7	12,667	94.1	20,464	90.3
	Subtotal	6,961	100.0	2,245	100.0	13,467	100.0	22,673	100.0
NOT WEARING	Killed	419	1.5	111	0.9	49	0.6	579	1.2
	Injured	7,483	27.4	3,455	29.0	1,586	19.6	12,524	26.5
	No Harm	19,381	71.0	8,352	70.1	6,454	79.8	34,187	72.3
	Subtotal	27,283	100.0	11,918	100.0	8,089	100.0	47,290	100.0
LAP BELT ONLY	Killed	5	0.2	1	0.0	2	0.0	8	0.1
	Injured	328	9.9	175	8.7	694	8.3	1,197	8.8
	No Harm	2,983	90.0	1,831	91.2	7,652	91.7	12,466	91.2
	Subtotal	3,316	100.0	2,007	100.0	8,348	100.0	13,671	100.0
LAP & SHOULDER BELT	Killed	129	0.1	44	0.1	9	0.0	182	0.1
	Injured	17,375	10.1	5,732	10.2	1,335	6.9	24,442	9.9
	No Harm	155,000	89.9	50,507	89.7	17,921	93.0	223,428	90.1
	Subtotal	172,504	100.0	56,283	100.0	19,265	100.0	248,052	100.0

**CHILD RESTRAINT USAGE**

Type	Severity	Front Seat Occupant		Back Seat Occupant		Totals	
		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
CHILD RESTRAINT USED	Killed	0	0.0	7	0.1	7	0.1
	Injured	158	8.8	497	6.7	655	7.1
	No Harm	1,664	91.2	6,944	93.2	8,588	92.8
	Subtotal	1,802	100.0	7,448	100.0	9,250	100.0
OTHER RESTRAINT USED	Killed	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
	Injured	22	16.2	34	10.3	56	12.0
	No Harm	114	83.8	297	89.7	411	88.0
	Subtotal	136	100.0	331	100.0	467	100.0
NONE USED	Killed	3	0.8	0	0.0	3	0.4
	Injured	110	30.9	99	23.5	209	26.9
	No Harm	243	68.3	323	76.5	566	72.8
	Subtotal	356	100.0	422	100.0	778	100.0

SEAT BELT USAGE

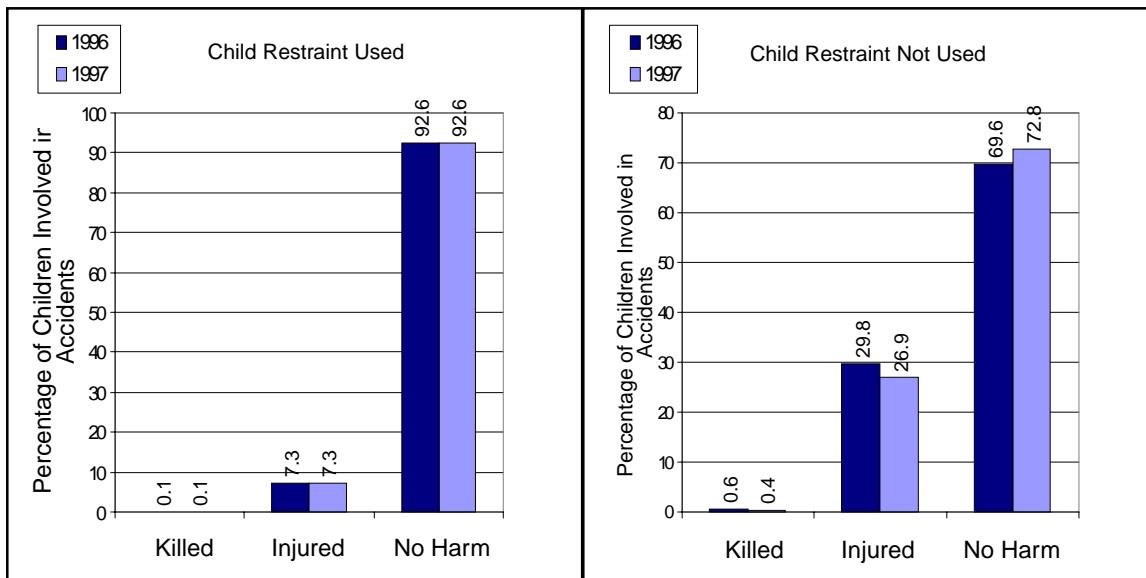


678 people were killed in automobile accidents in which they were not wearing seat belts.



14,632 people were injured in automobile accidents in which they were not wearing seat belts.

CHILD RESTRAINT USAGE



COMPARATIVE COUNTY STATISTICS

1996 vs 1997

	TOTAL ACCIDENTS FOR COUNTY						INCORPORATED AREAS OF COUNTY						RURAL AREAS OF COUNTY					
	NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED		NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED		NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS		PERSONS KILLED		PERSONS INJURED	
COUNTY	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
Macon	713	808	9	9	321	359	316	345	2	2	153	151	397	463	7	7	168	208
Madison	8167	8411	29	44	2665	2703	6809	6954	14	30	2061	2014	1358	1457	15	14	604	689
Marengo	492	463	13	9	222	219	253	238	2	0	67	44	239	225	11	9	155	175
Marion	800	788	16	11	335	402	553	523	7	4	195	222	247	265	9	7	140	180
Marshall	2492	2643	24	27	883	981	1820	1955	9	15	543	597	672	688	15	12	340	384
Monroe	448	462	7	1	180	226	160	179	2	0	39	71	288	283	5	1	141	155
Morgan	3556	3652	21	33	1216	1296	2637	2690	5	9	730	789	919	962	16	24	486	507
Perry	221	200	5	8	122	104	64	78	2	1	30	33	157	122	3	7	92	71
Pickens	272	326	8	10	135	175	116	130	0	1	36	51	156	196	8	9	99	124
Pike	808	773	16	15	338	271	518	445	6	5	134	94	290	328	10	10	204	177
Randolph	358	374	8	6	130	179	185	140	0	0	45	59	173	234	8	6	85	120
Russell	1859	2019	23	13	843	984	1324	1331	5	7	519	557	535	688	18	6	324	427
St. Claire	1351	1587	9	22	533	627	705	711	4	3	243	250	646	876	5	19	290	377
Shelby	3439	3663	20	34	1079	1057	2313	2474	9	14	608	588	1126	1189	11	20	471	469
Sumter	402	363	7	8	181	182	144	135	1	0	39	39	258	228	6	8	142	143
Talladega	1911	2088	29	28	769	830	1124	1232	14	14	374	403	787	856	15	14	395	427
Tallapoosa	875	1138	11	17	377	512	590	773	4	7	225	311	285	365	7	10	152	201
Tuscaloosa	6496	7246	37	37	2204	2496	5168	5667	18	20	1480	1633	1328	1579	19	17	724	863
Walker	2093	2202	33	26	802	897	1272	1268	10	7	348	370	821	934	23	19	454	527
Washington	209	238	6	7	145	143	20	43	0	0	8	14	189	195	6	7	137	129
Wilcox	247	237	4	7	181	142	59	49	0	0	29	31	188	188	4	7	152	111
Winston	450	458	11	10	216	191	215	226	3	2	70	61	235	232	8	8	146	130



COMPARATIVE CITY STATISTICS

1996 vs 1997

City	Number of Accidents		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
Abbeville	73	66	0	0	23	26
Adamsville	135	115	1	0	72	48
Addison	0	0	0	0	0	0
Akron	4	0	0	0	0	0
Alabaster	579	603	1	2	137	156
Albertville	693	724	6	4	199	192
Alexander City	480	593	2	4	173	223
Aliceville	21	9	0	0	3	4
Allgood	11	6	2	0	8	2
Altoona-Blount	2	1	0	0	0	0
Altoona-Etowah	4	9	0	0	5	2
Andalusia	315	359	0	4	107	111
Anderson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anniston	1,647	1,584	7	0	458	414
Arab	238	250	1	2	95	111
Ardmore	40	40	0	0	16	8
Ariton	9	1	0	0	4	0
Arley	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ashford	48	44	0	1	20	31
Ashland	11	30	0	0	2	17
Ashville	51	23	0	0	30	8
Athens	789	869	4	7	253	277
Atmore	163	101	1	1	62	29
Attala	262	256	1	0	100	66
Auburn	1,526	1,701	2	5	379	412
Autaugaville	5	7	0	0	1	9
Avon	2	7	0	0	2	11
Babbie	4	12	0	0	1	8
Baileytown	2	8	0	0	0	12
Banks	0	1	0	0	0	0
Bay Minette	201	216	1	2	71	68
Bayou La Batre	76	90	0	0	27	20
Bear Creek	13	21	1	1	6	6
Beatrice	6	2	1	0	2	0
Beaverton	4	5	0	0	1	2
Belk	4	2	0	0	6	0
Bellwood	2	0	0	0	3	0
Benton	0	2	0	0	0	4
Berry	3	1	0	0	7	0
Bessemer	1,507	1,613	9	12	464	513
Billingsley	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bham-Blount	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bham-Jefferson	12,917	11,247	34	50	3,399	2,826
Bham-Shelby	17	33	0	1	5	7
Black	3	0	0	0	1	0
Blountsville	41	39	0	0	8	7
Blue Mountain	0	1	0	0	0	0
Blue Springs	0	1	0	0	0	0
Boaz-Etowah	2	1	0	0	0	0
Boaz-Marshall	446	467	0	3	136	139

City	Number of Accidents		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
Boligee	1	3	0	0	0	0
Bon Air	0	2	0	0	0	1
Branchville	12	22	0	0	8	12
Brantley	8	12	0	0	8	0
Brent	34	22	0	0	6	16
Brewton	260	244	0	1	115	91
Bridgeport	0	1	0	1	0	0
Brighton	91	122	0	0	36	33
Brilliant	4	10	0	0	0	1
Brookside	1	0	0	0	1	0
Brookwood	5	7	1	1	5	3
Brownsville	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brundidge	26	33	1	0	7	7
Butler	27	26	0	0	6	4
Calera	113	93	1	0	46	23
Camden	57	28	0	0	28	24
Camp Hill	0	1	0	0	0	0
Carbon Hill	43	44	1	0	7	6
Cardiff	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carolina	1	3	0	0	0	2
Carrollton	17	22	0	0	5	5
Carrville	19	39	0	0	6	15
Castleberry	4	7	1	0	10	1
Cedar Bluff	14	23	0	0	6	4
Centre	110	120	0	0	41	71
Centreville	42	26	0	0	7	3
Chatom	12	22	0	0	5	5
Cherokee	28	25	0	0	16	7
Chickasaw	143	159	1	0	48	40
Childersburg	68	123	2	3	32	33
Citronelle	48	47	2	1	27	23
Clanton	391	399	1	9	132	146
Clayhatchee	5	0	0	0	0	0
Clayton	1	2	0	0	1	0
Cleveland	42	47	0	1	12	19
Clio	9	2	0	0	1	1
Coffee Springs	1	1	0	0	0	4
Coffeeville	8	3	0	0	0	0
Collinsville	47	50	0	0	20	17
Colony	3	3	0	0	1	0
Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Columbiana	85	108	0	1	33	37
Coosada	3	10	0	0	2	3
Cordova	9	26	0	0	4	8
Cottonwood	14	6	0	1	2	1
County Line-Bint	0	0	0	0	0	0
County Line-Cov	1	0	0	0	0	0
County Line-Jeff	0	0	0	0	0	0
Courtland	16	14	2	0	8	7
Cowarts	19	25	0	1	13	16

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1996 vs 1997

City	Number of Accidents		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
Creola	59	45	0	2	31	16
Crossville	28	18	0	0	6	1
Cuba	1	3	0	0	0	0
Cullman	845	843	4	1	187	193
Dadeville	74	111	0	0	38	56
Daleville	120	75	0	0	33	29
Daphne	439	463	2	1	136	100
Dauphin Island	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daviston	0	2	0	0	0	2
Dayton	2	0	0	0	1	0
Decatur-Limes	13	21	0	0	4	5
Decatur-Morgan	2,124	2,137	4	3	579	642
Demopolis	193	182	0	0	46	34
Detroit	3	1	0	0	5	1
Dora	67	63	1	0	34	19
Dothan	2,920	3,039	6	7	1,206	1,305
Double Springs	0	1	0	0	0	0
Douglas	15	16	0	1	12	8
Dozier	0	1	0	0	0	0
Dutton	6	3	1	0	5	1
East Brewton	15	26	1	0	8	3
Eclectic	9	21	0	1	5	4
Edwardsville	1	0	0	0	0	0
Elba	62	72	0	0	29	33
Elderta	1	0	0	0	0	0
Eldridge	11	14	0	0	5	6
Elkmont	4	3	0	0	1	0
Ernelle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enterprise-Coffee	660	635	4	7	239	203
Enterprise-Dale	3	4	0	1	1	1
Epes	1	1	0	0	0	1
Ethelsville	2	0	0	0	0	0
Eufaula	499	485	1	3	154	151
Eunola	14	7	0	0	11	3
Eutaw	39	41	0	0	7	15
Eva	1	0	0	0	1	0
Evergreen	152	119	1	1	60	69
Excel	6	8	0	0	3	1
Fairfield	474	449	1	1	114	128
Fairhope	263	248	0	3	68	73
Fairview	11	6	0	0	7	3
Falkville	11	11	0	0	3	6
Faunsdale	4	3	0	0	0	1
Fayette	217	204	3	0	57	94
Five Points	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flint City	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flomaton	73	62	0	0	40	20
Florala	2	4	0	0	2	4
Florence	1,706	1,687	4	3	399	424
Foley	395	497	3	0	115	125

City	Number of Accidents		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
Forkland	5	5	0	0	1	4
Fort Deposit	2	1	0	0	0	4
Fort Payne	717	672	3	2	243	184
Franklin	9	5	0	0	2	6
Frisco City	1	2	0	0	0	1
Fruiturst	3	4	0	0	1	0
Fulton	2	2	0	1	0	3
Fultondale	5	38	0	0	1	10
Fyffe	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gadsen	1,853	1,751	8	8	637	642
Gainesville	1	1	0	0	0	0
Gantt	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gantts Quarry	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garden City	6	3	0	0	1	0
Gardendale	329	295	0	3	102	95
Gaylesville	7	5	0	0	2	2
Geiger	2	0	0	0	1	0
Geneva	114	123	0	0	38	77
Georgiana	33	38	0	2	24	16
Geraldine	17	5	0	0	5	0
Gilbertown	17	11	0	0	5	7
Glen Allen-Fay	2	2	0	0	1	2
Glen Allen-Mar	3	2	0	0	3	0
Glencoe	50	129	0	2	14	36
Glenwood	2	2	0	0	1	3
Goldville	0	0	0	0	0	0
Goodhope	0	0	0	0	0	0
Goodwater	11	12	1	0	1	7
Gordo	29	34	0	1	16	14
Gordon	2	1	0	0	0	2
Goshen	3	6	0	0	9	3
Grant	1	0	0	0	1	0
Graysville	35	32	2	1	16	25
Greensboro	37	54	0	0	12	20
Greenville	317	333	2	1	102	96
Grimes	11	12	0	0	19	3
Grove Hill	76	65	0	0	37	17
Gu-win	17	21	1	1	12	24
Guin	73	78	1	0	20	37
Gulf Shores	285	336	1	3	75	96
Guntersville	421	496	2	5	98	141
Gurley	19	18	0	0	8	7
Hackleburg	0	0	0	0	0	0
Haleburg	0	1	0	0	0	0
Haleyville	214	220	3	2	70	60
Hamilton	283	247	4	1	75	91
Hammondville	10	22	1	0	2	17
Hanceville	101	91	1	1	36	34
Harpersville	23	20	0	0	9	8
Hartford	21	1	0	0	8	1

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1996 vs 1997

City	Number of Accidents		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
Hartselle	417	441	1	2	116	112
Hayden	8	9	0	0	2	10
Hayneville	9	9	0	0	1	0
Headland	72	62	1	0	27	21
Heath	10	12	0	0	0	8
Heflin	61	77	0	1	14	16
Helena	4	44	0	4	3	5
Henagar	39	36	0	0	14	6
Highland Lake	3	1	0	0	1	0
Hillsboro	2	2	0	1	0	0
Hobson City	2	5	0	0	12	1
Hodges	0	1	0	0	0	2
Hokes Bluff	64	75	1	1	41	37
Holly Pond	12	14	0	0	4	8
Hollywood	23	9	2	0	8	8
Homewood	1,133	1,549	0	0	331	308
Hoover-Jefferson	2,234	2,259	4	4	524	568
Hoover-Shelby	580	618	1	0	147	122
Horn Hill	1	0	1	0	2	0
Hueytown	426	451	0	2	116	133
Huntsville-Lime	14	11	0	1	5	4
Huntsville-Mad	6,258	6,333	14	28	1,887	1,846
Hurtsboro	7	10	0	1	4	4
Ider	8	15	0	0	1	10
Irondale	305	242	0	0	92	65
Jackson	158	151	0	1	46	63
Jacksons Gap	8	14	0	3	1	9
Jacksonville	326	368	1	0	100	99
Jasper	1,016	993	8	5	240	291
Jemison	29	34	0	0	11	24
Kansas	2	4	0	0	3	2
Kelly	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kennedy	0	1	0	0	0	2
Killen	38	37	3	0	26	19
Kimberly	2	4	0	0	1	2
Kinsey	17	19	0	0	6	5
Kinston-Coffee	2	5	1	0	1	1
Kinston-Cov	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kinston-Geneva	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lafayette	89	81	0	0	30	27
Lakeview	4	2	0	0	4	1
Lanett	204	178	0	1	50	53
Langston	3	0	0	0	1	0
Leeds-Jefferson	291	255	2	4	117	108
Leeds-Shelby	12	1	0	0	5	0
Leeds-St. Clair	79	63	1	0	21	27
Leesburg	32	26	0	0	20	7
Leighton	0	1	0	0	0	1
Lester	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level Plains	9	0	0	0	6	0

City	Number of Accidents		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
Lexington	2	10	0	0	1	3
Libertyville	1	4	0	0	2	4
Lincoln	134	201	3	6	53	71
Linden	42	41	2	0	15	6
Lineville	3	4	0	1	0	4
Lipscomb	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lisman	8	7	1	0	33	4
Littleville	6	1	0	0	1	0
Livingston	104	107	1	0	32	34
Loachapoka	1	4	0	0	0	2
Lockhart	0	0	0	0	0	0
Locust Fork	15	4	0	0	1	3
Louisville	4	6	0	0	1	0
Lowndesboro	0	1	0	0	0	0
Loxley	46	57	0	0	11	17
Luverne	87	106	1	0	23	42
Lynn	1	0	0	0	0	0
Madison-Limes	1	1	0	0	0	0
Madison-Madison	501	547	0	2	152	136
Madrid	3	4	0	0	0	9
Malvern	12	12	0	0	6	8
Maplesville	24	23	0	0	8	6
Margaret	4	3	0	0	1	1
Marion	64	78	2	1	30	33
Maytown	0	6	0	1	0	1
McIntosh	7	15	0	0	2	8
McKenzie	8	6	3	0	10	2
McMullen	0	0	0	0	0	0
Memphis	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mentone	13	7	1	0	4	4
Midfield	289	266	1	3	76	75
Midland City	54	68	0	0	22	27
Midway	13	9	0	0	3	4
Millbrook	100	128	0	2	42	44
Millport	1	0	0	0	0	0
Millry	1	6	0	0	1	1
Mobile	9,549	9,938	33	21	2,635	2,600
Monroeville	147	167	1	0	34	69
Montevallo	2	2	1	1	0	2
Montgomery	10,144	9,885	23	20	3,059	3,002
Moody	210	200	1	2	82	73
Moores Crossroad	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mooresville	1	0	0	0	2	0
Morris	29	19	1	0	23	12
Mosses	8	1	1	0	1	1
Moulton	138	123	1	0	44	29
Moundville-Hale	42	43	0	0	32	19
Moundville-Tusc	7	1	0	0	2	0
Mount Vernon	30	30	1	0	18	26
Mountain Brook	503	478	0	0	116	91

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City	Number of Accidents		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
Mountainboro	9	7	0	1	5	5
Mulga	6	3	0	0	1	1
Muscle Shoals	625	553	2	1	212	169
Myrtlewood	0	1	0	0	0	2
Napier Field	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nauvoo	2	3	0	0	0	1
Nectar	5	5	1	0	2	1
Needham	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Brockton	11	4	0	0	5	0
New Hope	30	56	0	0	14	25
New Site	9	13	2	0	7	6
Newbern	2	2	0	1	2	2
Newsome	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newton	21	29	2	0	5	10
Newville	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Courtland	3	1	0	0	0	0
North Johns	1	0	0	0	0	0
Northport	967	1,086	6	4	260	307
Notasulga-Lee	0	1	0	0	0	0
Notasulga-Macon	15	14	1	1	4	5
Oak Grove	18	31	0	2	6	13
Oak Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oakman	0	2	0	1	0	0
Odenville	4	6	0	0	0	4
Chatchee	0	7	0	0	0	0
Oneonta	203	209	1	0	56	53
Onycha	6	2	0	0	5	3
Opelika	1,142	1,232	6	4	449	415
Opp	187	224	0	0	74	73
Orange Beach	96	100	0	1	46	35
Orrville	0	2	0	0	0	1
Owens Crossroads	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oxford	600	230	3	3	148	82
Ozark	472	506	3	3	162	191
Paint Rock	2	1	0	0	2	2
Parrish	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pelham	881	940	5	5	214	223
Pell City	223	315	0	0	76	97
Pennington	13	4	0	0	4	0
Petrey	0	1	0	0	0	0
Phenix City	1,317	1,321	5	6	515	553
Phil Campbell	23	22	0	0	6	6
Pickensville	0	0	0	0	0	0
Piedmont	129	116	0	0	47	45
Pinckard	9	29	0	1	14	12
Pine Apple	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pine Hill	2	21	0	0	1	7
Pine Ridge	4	5	0	0	2	4
Pisgah	6	7	0	0	2	2
Pleasant Grove	84	137	0	0	28	36

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	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
Pollard	0	0	0	0	0	0
Powells Crossroads	11	23	0	0	4	1
Prattville-Autauga	706	789	0	2	229	271
Prattville-Elmore	39	39	0	0	17	29
Priceville	68	83	0	1	21	25
Prichard	926	847	5	1	220	237
Providence	5	3	0	0	3	0
Ragland	8	5	0	0	2	1
Rainbow City	284	273	2	1	86	75
Rainsville	140	149	1	0	41	64
Ranburne	14	20	0	3	5	7
Red Bay	80	62	0	0	38	29
Red Level	5	2	0	0	2	0
Reece City	9	8	0	0	2	9
Reform	47	64	0	0	12	28
Repton	1	0	1	0	0	0
Ridgeville	1	1	0	0	0	0
River Falls	15	11	0	0	5	13
Riverside	18	18	0	1	4	8
Riverview	2	2	0	0	0	2
Roanoke	167	127	0	0	43	53
Robertsdale	101	119	0	0	21	27
Rockford	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rogersville	40	55	1	0	9	20
Roosevelt City	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rosa	9	9	0	0	2	3
Russellville	309	302	1	0	106	114
Rutledge	10	5	0	0	4	0
Saint Florian	26	33	0	1	7	6
Samson	27	40	1	0	7	11
Sand Rock	7	6	0	0	1	3
Sanford	7	7	0	1	5	4
Saraland	511	519	8	5	147	146
Sardis City	44	37	3	1	19	20
Satsuma	87	71	0	0	40	16
Scottsboro	551	482	5	4	182	178
Section	25	15	0	0	15	6
Selma	888	888	0	2	238	235
Sheffield	426	382	0	2	108	104
Shiloh	6	3	1	0	10	0
Shorter	0	0	0	0	0	0
Silas	6	5	2	0	2	1
Siluria	0	0	0	0	0	0
Silverhill	11	13	0	0	6	7
Sipsey	5	3	0	0	5	0
Skyline	22	19	1	0	9	17
Slocomb	0	27	0	0	0	7
Snead	17	31	1	0	3	11
Somerville	11	18	0	3	7	4
Southside	97	102	0	0	43	22

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City	Number of Accidents		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
Springville	65	35	2	0	13	11
Steele	20	8	0	0	4	3
Stevenson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sulligent	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sumiton	116	116	0	1	50	37
Summerdale	44	33	1	0	19	18
Susan Moore	15	15	0	2	9	11
Sweet Water	6	3	0	0	2	0
Sylacauga	437	464	1	2	130	151
Sylvan Springs	4	4	0	0	2	4
Sylvania	37	38	0	0	12	16
Talladega	455	402	7	1	151	130
Talladega Springs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tallasee	82	165	0	1	32	80
Tarrant City	330	312	2	0	58	87
Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thomaston	1	5	0	0	0	1
Thomasville	0	91	0	0	0	35
Thorsby	14	22	0	0	6	6
Town Creek	33	28	0	0	21	21
Toxey	5	3	0	0	7	2
Trafford	2	1	0	0	0	0
Triana	1	0	0	0	0	0
Trinity	5	0	0	0	3	0
Troy	489	405	5	5	118	84
Trussville	421	393	1	3	116	129
Tuscaloosa	4,166	4,549	10	15	1,198	1,310
Tuscumbia	246	251	0	1	74	68
Tuskegee	290	326	1	1	145	140
Union	1	0	0	0	0	0
Union Grove	6	2	0	0	2	6
Union Springs	4	4	2	0	10	2
Uniontown	0	0	0	0	0	0
Valley	334	325	1	5	121	111

City	Number of Accidents		Number of Persons Killed		Number of Persons Injured	
	1996	1997	1996	1997	1996	1997
Valley Head	11	7	2	1	6	0
Vance	23	24	1	0	15	13
Vernon	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vestavia Hills	507	561	0	1	103	89
Vina	5	8	1	0	7	3
Vinemont	5	11	0	0	3	5
Vredenburgh	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wadley	1	0	0	0	0	0
Waldo	11	9	1	0	2	4
Walnut Grove	14	21	1	0	12	17
Warrior	25	9	0	0	11	4
Waterloo	1	0	0	0	0	0
Waverly-Chambers	2	0	0	0	0	0
Waverly-Lee	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weaver	41	31	0	0	11	12
Webb	26	2	0	0	17	0
Wedowee	14	10	0	0	2	2
West Blocton	1	0	0	0	0	0
West Jefferson	1	0	0	0	0	0
West Point	7	5	0	1	0	3
Weston	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wetumpka	276	286	1	1	89	113
Whitehall	5	2	1	0	6	6
Whites Chhapel	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilmer	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilsonville	5	4	0	0	2	1
Wilton	7	1	0	0	4	2
Winfield-Fayette	2	6	0	0	1	6
Winfield-Marion	148	134	0	1	73	58
Woodland	3	3	0	0	0	4
Woodville	8	8	0	2	6	5
York	35	23	0	0	6	4



COMPARATIVE HOLIDAY STATISTICS

1996 vs 1997

HOLIDAY	YEAR	KILLED	PERIOD
New Year	1996	6	6PM, Friday, December 29, 1995 until 12AM, Monday, January 1, 1996 (78 hrs)
	1997	4	6PM, Tuesday, December 31, 1996 until 12AM, Wednesday, January 1, 1997 (30 hrs)
Memorial Day	1996	15	6PM, Friday, May 24, 1996 until 12AM, Monday, May 27, 1996 (78 hrs)
	1997	28	6PM, Friday, May 23, 1997 until 12AM, Monday, May 26, 1997 (78 hrs)
July 4th	1996	6	6PM, Wednesday, July 3, 1996 until 12AM, Sunday, July 7, 1996 (102 hrs)
	1997	16	6PM, Thursday, July 3, 1997 until 12AM, Sunday, July 6, 1997 (78 hrs)
Labor Day	1996	12	6PM, Friday, August 30, 1996 until 12AM, Monday, September 2, 1996 (78 hrs)
	1997	9	6PM, Friday, August 29, 1997 until 12AM, Monday, September 1, 1997 (78 hrs)
Thanksgiving	1996	19	6PM, Wednesday, November 27, 1996 until 12AM, Sunday, December 1, 1996 (102 hrs)
	1997	7	6PM, Wednesday, November 26, 1997 until 12AM, Sunday, November 30, 1997 (102 hrs)
Christmas	1996	3	6PM, Tuesday, December 24, 1996 until 12AM, Wednesday, December 25, 1996 (30 hrs)
	1997	19	6PM, Wednesday, December 24, 1997 until 12AM, Sunday, December 28, 1997 (102 hrs)



DEFINITIONS

The following special terms are used throughout this report, and are provided to clarify the meaning of the data.

1. **Accident (or Traffic Accident)**: An unintended event involving a motor vehicle that causes death, injury, or property damage.
2. **Alcohol Involvement Accident**: Any motor vehicle accident in which a driver, pedestrian, or bicyclist had consumed alcohol.
3. **Driving Under the Influence (DUI)**: Current Alabama Code defines it as follows:
(Section 35-SA-191)

A person shall not drive or be in actual physical control of any vehicle while:

 - (1) There is 0.08 percent or more by weight of alcohol in his blood;
 - (2) Under the influence of alcohol;
 - (3) Under the influence of a controlled substance to a degree which renders him incapable of safely driving; or
 - (4) Under the combined influence of alcohol and a controlled substance to a degree which renders him incapable of safely driving.
4. **Economic Loss**: A reasonable estimate of the costs associated with accidents, based upon current National Safety Council estimates of the loss to society for each fatality, injury, and/or property damage accident.
5. **Fatality**: A person who dies as the result of a motor vehicle traffic accident. (For record-keeping purposes, the death must occur within 30 days of the accident.)
6. **Fatal Accident**: A motor vehicle traffic accident which causes the death of one or more persons.
7. **First Harmful Event**: The first event (often in a series of events) involving a motor vehicle which causes death, injury, or property damage.
8. **Hit-Other-Vehicle**: A type of collision in which the first harmful event involves a collision between two or more vehicles.
9. **Injury**: A person sustaining injuries as the result of a motor vehicle traffic accident. This includes victims with the extent of injury of severe wound, other visible injury, or complaint of pain. Victims killed are not included in the injury category.
10. **Mileage Death Rate**: The number of fatalities per 100 million miles of vehicle travel.
11. **Motor Vehicle**: Any motorized (mechanically or electrically powered) vehicle not operated on rails.
12. **Other Non-Collision**: An event during an accident sequence which does not involve a collision with another vehicle or object. Examples include but are not limited to collapse of a bridge, passenger inhalation of gas, or fire and/or explosion within a vehicle.

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13. **Overturning:** An accident in which the overturning of a vehicle was the first harmful event.
14. **Pedalcycle:** A non-motorized vehicle propelled by pedaling (bicycle, tricycle, etc.)
15. **Primary Contributing Circumstance:** The main cause of an accident.
16. **Rural (or Rural Area):** All areas that are not incorporated.
17. **Type of Crash:** The category which best describes the general type of collision which was the first event.
18. **Urban (or Urban Area):** Any incorporated area.
19. **Vehicle Miles Travelled:** The estimated total number of miles driven during the year by all vehicles within the state.

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